

Chinidere Cutoff Trail #406M



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 0.7 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 3740-4260 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This trail is in the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness. This trail provides the shortest route up to Chinidere Mountain (4,645') from Wahtum Lake. Chinidere Mountain offers some of the best views in the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness.

Trail Description: Starting from the Wahtum Lake Campground Trailhead (3,960'), go down the easy switchback on #406H (or the steeper # 406J) to the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 on the south shore of Wahtum Lake (3,760'). Follow the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 west 0.3 mile to the junction with Eagle Creek Trail #440. Take the right fork to follow #440 and travel 0.1 mile west along the remainder of the lakeshore down to the start of Chinidere Cutoff #406M (3,740'). Turn right (north) onto Chinidere Cutoff Trail #406M and cross the East Fork Eagle Creek. The trail then heads up a series of switchbacks on good tread and steady grade for 0.7 miles to the trail's end at the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 (4,260'). To reach Chinidere Mountain Trail #445, turn left (west) and follow #2000 approximately 300 feet. To return to the Wahtum Lake Trailhead along a different route, turn right onto the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 and travel 1.8 miles.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required for the trails leaving from Wahtum Lake between May 15 and Oct 15. Permits are free and self-issued at a permit box station at the Wahtum Lake Trailhead.
- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to www.LNT.org or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

Map and driving directions on next page

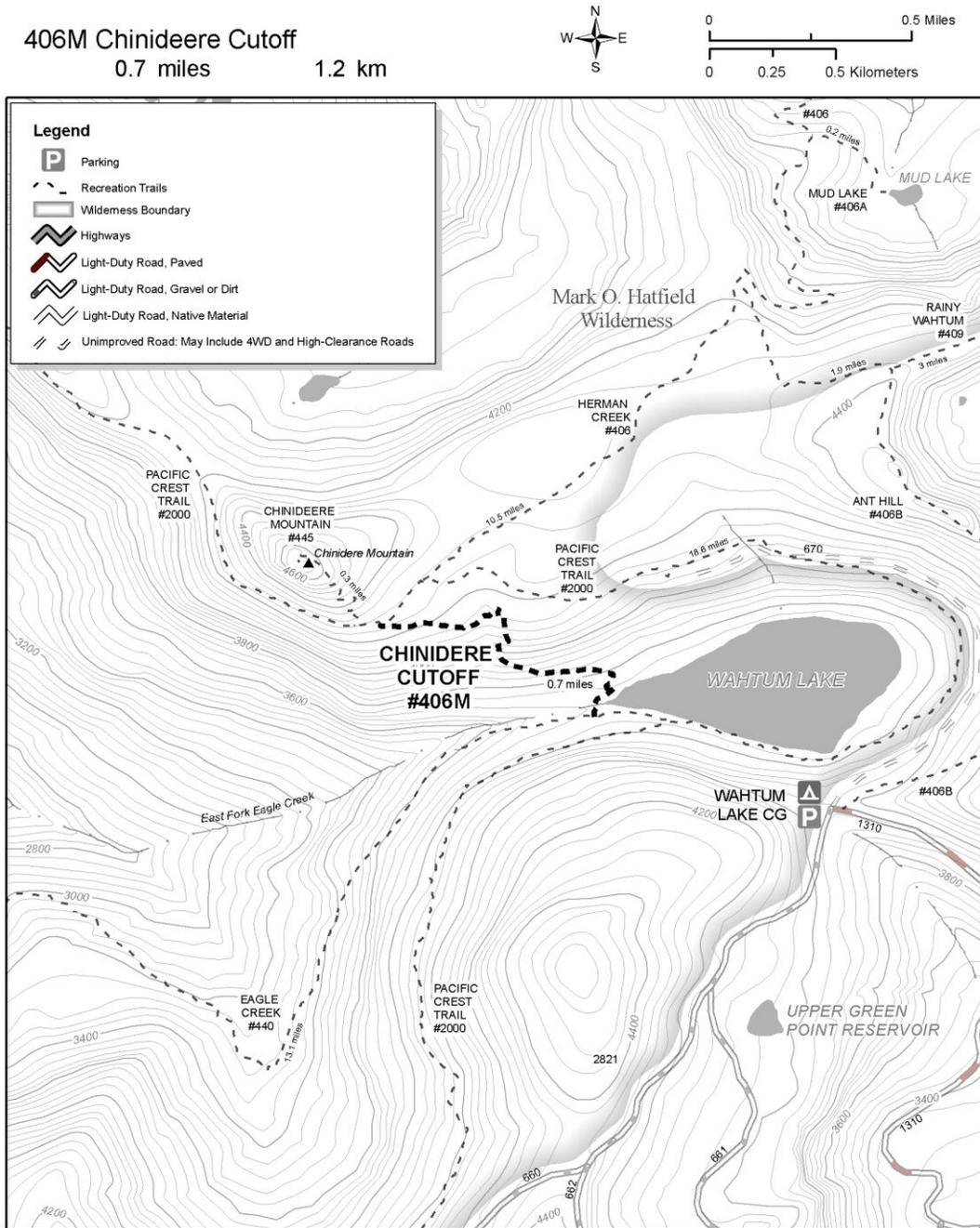
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Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River, travel south on OR Hwy 281 Dee Highway (it goes past the airport), approximately 11 miles to the Lost Lake Road turn-off at Dee. Follow Lost Lake Road (Forest Road 13) and after approximately 5 miles (0.5 mile after crossing the West Fork of the Hood River), take the right fork onto Lost Lake Road (Forest Road 13) signed for Wahtum Lake. Continue on Lost Lake Road for another 4.3 miles to Forest Road 1310. Turn right (north) onto Forest Road 1310 and travel 6 miles on the paved road to the Wahtum Lake Campground.



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District

